

News Bulletin



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NEW YORK STATE ADDITIONAL HCRA ASSESSMENTS AND SURCHARGES

In February, as part of Governor Patterson's Deficit Reduction Plan, a \$120 million supplemental covered lives assessment for the period October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 was enacted; in addition, another \$120 million increase to the base covered lives assessment effective January 1, 2009 was adopted. In April, EBS-RMSCO will calculate your additional assessment for the period October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 as well as the additional assessment due for January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009 and pay the Pool Administrator on your behalf.

In addition to these additional assessments, Governor Patterson is proposing to increase the HCRA surcharge from the current 8.95% to 9.63%, extend the surcharge to radiology and professional surgery services, and impose a \$1 per claim fee on any claim (not yet defined) over \$20 paid by a third-party administrator under a self-insured plan.

These increased costs will have a dramatic negative effect on the cost of health care delivery in New York State. We encourage everyone to become familiar with this proposal and contact your elected officials to express your concern.

The following websites offer detailed information:

HCRA Pools Information:

http://www.hcrapools.org/hcra_whats_new.cfm

Governor's Proposed Budget:

<http://publications.budget.state.ny.us/eBudget0910/fy0910littlebook/HealthCare.html>